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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Klaus M. Irion	
Serial No.: 09/488,500	Conf. No.: 4514	Filing Date: January 20, 2000
Title of Application:	Endoscopic Instrument For Performing Endoscopic Procedures	
Group Art Unit: 3764	Examiner: Mathew, Fenn C.	

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION**

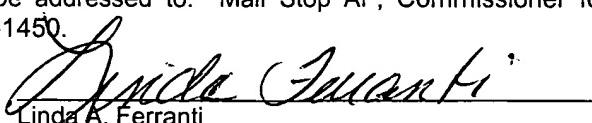
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This is a response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed February 11, 2004. Please enter this Response to Official Action in the above-referenced application. Applicant believes that the entry of this Response is proper as it places the application in condition for allowance and makes no substantive amendments to the Claims. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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